



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program Pacific Islands Office *Program Overview*



The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's habitat restoration cost-sharing program for voluntary, long-term conservation on private land.



Kaupo Ranch and State Division of Forestry and Wildlife are cooperators in a restoration project at Nuu Pond, a 2.5 acre coastal wetland on Maui.

Photo by Terrell Erickson, NRCS

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program was established to offer technical and financial assistance to landowners who wish to restore wildlife habitat (native ecosystems) on their property.

Projects can include, but are not limited to, construction of fences to exclude feral ungulates, control of alien plants, control of mammalian predators, control of feral ungulates, out-planting of native plants, and restoration of native ecosystem elements such as hydrology and micro-habitat conditions.

The assistance provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) can range from informal advice on the design and location of potential restoration projects to cost-share funding of project implementation under a formal cooperative agreement with the landowner.

The USFWS can also provide participating property owners with technical assistance to develop Safe Harbor Agreements that cover habitat managed for endangered or threatened species, and provide assurances that additional land, water, and/or natural resource use restrictions will not be imposed as a result of their voluntary conservation actions to benefit covered species.



Ulupalakua Ranch has started the process of restoring native shrub and forest ecosystems at Puu Makua on Maui by controlling ungulates and removing weeds and planting native plants.

Photo: Craig Rowland, USFWS

Funding is limited. Projects given highest priority are those that re-establish natural biological communities and provide long-term benefits to declining migratory bird and fish species, species that are endangered, threatened, candidates or proposed for listing, and those projects on private lands that satisfy the needs of wildlife populations on National Wildlife Refuges.

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